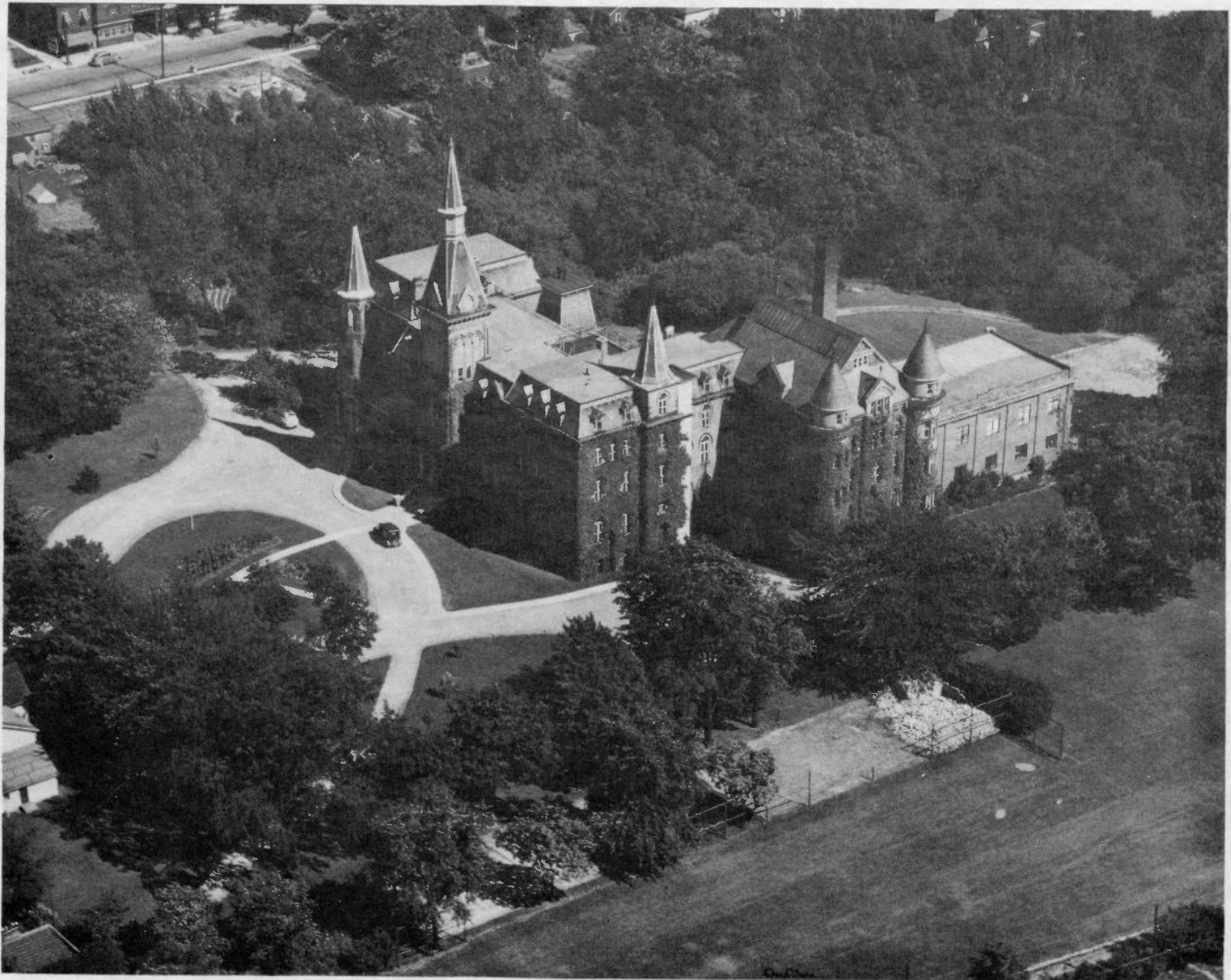


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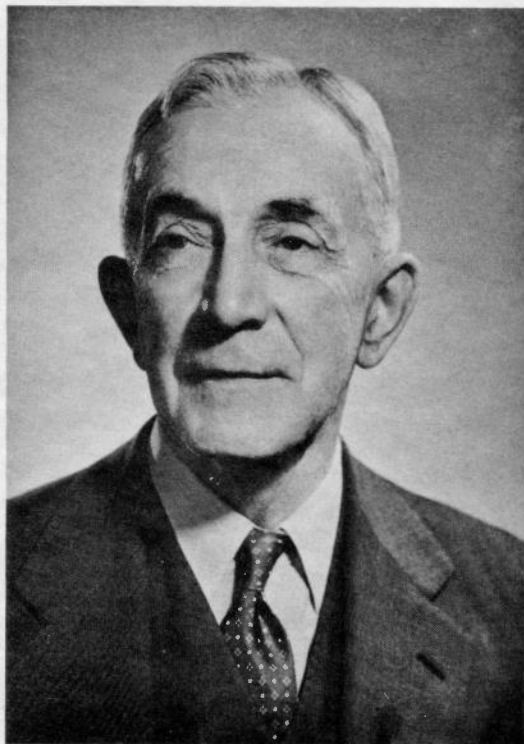
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"Who's who in Canada?" Everyone in our great Dominion will know about Dr. Dobson because of an article written in "Who's who in Canada." However, you can never really know Dr. Dobson until you meet him personally and have the privilege of hearing him speak.

The two great festivals in the Church year were celebrated at the school this year and Dr. Dobson gave us an enlightening Christmas message on the "Gifts" of Christmas, at Candelighting. The inspiration of his Easter message was ours to enjoy on Palm Sunday evening in our beautiful Chapel.

Each Friday morning we looked forward to Dr. Dobson's sermonettes, and the lovely music played by his charming wife, which gave us all new hope to look onward and forward to even better ways of living.

April Fool's Day, 'Dobby' was again on hand to join in the fun and give us our school yell "School of rapture, school of joy, Where you never meet a boy,—ALMA, ALMA, ALMA; and also the school song:

At Alma College, just over the way,
The riser wakes me at break of day,
I hear it once, I hear it twice,
Then off I go to sleep again,
My bed it feels so nice.
And then the buzzer, it buzzes in vain,
That horrid big bell, it hits me again.
Till I can sleep no more, I jump upon the floor,
And run to join the end of the line
Just going in the door.

Through the years Dr. Dobson has been true to our Alma Motto: "Toujours en avant", and without him, we could never enjoy the beauty of our Chapel and Amphitheatre. We think of all these things when we remember your own Dobson smile and your genuine sincerity.

Alma Daughters 54-55

GREETINGS:

Greetings to the Almafilian Editor and all who have helped to produce this fine magazine! It is worthy of the honored name it bears. The "Alma Daughters" have changed their name to the Alma College Alumnae, but the school paper goes proudly on — perpetuating the name given to it by Doctor Warner sixty years or so ago.

It is a useful part of your school programme each year to produce a record of school days which will become more and more precious, as time goes on. It gives a good picture of the busy life of Alma and its many interests.

And I must say a word of thanks now for the very special honor accorded to Mrs. Dobson and me in the 1954 issue. We were quite overwhelmed by it, and deeply appreciate the kindness of the Editorial Staff.

On our part it is a great pleasure for us to be associated so pleasantly with the school and we do enjoy the Friday morning Chapel. You sing the hymns so heartily, and show such evident interest in the whole service.

And now we wish you a pleasant summer vacation and great joy and happiness in whatever your future experiences may be.

Cordially yours,

(signed) P. S. Dobson



Mrs. Steele Sifton:

Mrs. Sifton, our much-beloved principal, has been with us for four years, two of them at the head of Alma College and two as Dean.

We will always remember her indispensable advice and talks in time of need, and the warm and ready smile on her face as she goes about the halls offering help and encouragement where needed.

We thank you, Mrs. Sifton, for your kindness and understanding. We think you're the best ! !

THE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I welcome this opportunity to thank the Staff and the Students, The Presidents of the Student Council, the executives of all our organizations, the Editors of this fine year book,—everyone,—for your cheerful cooperation and fine enthusiasm. You have made this one of the outstanding years in the history of the school. You have distinguished yourselves in Music, Art, Athletics, Academic achievements and even in the field of Radio programs (New girls' fun night).

And now, the year draws to a close. May you treasure in your hearts the rich beauty of the College colours as you have seen them each morning in the Chapel windows,—the scarlet, and gold, and blue,—symbols of courage, wisdom and loyalty.

Our good wishes for happy useful lives follow you wherever you may go. May you find joy in being graceful, yet be mindful of the unskilled. May you always have the confidence knowledge brings, and yet be humble. May you have the thrill of achievement, and lend a hand to those who failed. May life's richest blessings be yours!

Sincerely,

Flora Sifton.



Mrs. L. H. Doering:

To our Student mother we pay tribute!

Mrs. Doering has been at Alma for four years, being assistant dean for two years and dean for the past two years. She was born in Waterloo County and received her public and high school education in Guelph. After going to college in Toronto, she taught in schools in Toronto and Guelph. During her married life, Mrs. Doering has made her home in the Parry Sound district, Jersey Island, where they operated a large dairy farm, in Eastern Ontario.

To you, Mrs. Doering, with your love and charm and personal concern, we give our honour and respect. These qualities which you mirror do make impressions which we will retain and which will influence our individual character. Your devotions have been an inspiration. You have challenged us to aim high so that our ideals may be achieved.

THE DEAN'S MESSAGE

It is a pleasure to express a word of greeting in this another "Almafilian". You who leave us this year take with you our warmest wishes for your success and happiness; we shall always be deeply interested in your welfare. You who return in September will find a warm welcome awaiting you.

We had, this year, a very special Chapel service on Palm Sunday when Dr. Dobson expressed, in his own wonderful way, a thought which we hope may represent for each of you the key-note of all our living, working and playing to-gether as a college family—"Those things which are seen are temporal but those things which are not seen are eternal"—Faith, hope, love endure forever. God bless you all!

Affectionately,

Norma E. Doering.

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St. Thomas, Ont.
Stenographer.
"Where's your bank book?"



Miss Naomi Brien, B.A.
Belfast, Ireland.
French and German teacher.
"How many times have I told you?"



Mrs. A. Allin,
St. Thomas, Ont.
Typing teacher.
"Feet on the floor, girls."



Mrs. Rita Coulter, B.A.
Toronto, Ont.
History and Geography teacher.
"Bless your heart."



Miss Jane Cutler, A.A.C.M.
St. Thomas, Ont.
Drama teacher.
"Let's try that again."



Mrs. J. M. Douglas B.A.
St. Thomas, Ont.
English teacher
Assistant Dean
"I wish the present generation
would develop a little intellectual curiosity."



Mrs. T. R. Fitcher,
St. Thomas, Ont.
Accountant.
"Never a penny misplaced."



Miss Vera Gill, Reg. N.
Blenheim, Ont.
Nurse.
Two pink ones and a white one.



Miss Bertha Grobb
Grimsby Beach, Ont.
Dietitian
"Less noise girls, please."



Miss Maxine Harper, A.T.C.M.,
A.C.C.O., Munro, Ont.
Music teacher.
Choral Club director.
"Quiet, please."



Miss Jeanne Holman B.A.
Queenston, Ont.
Home Economics teacher
Raising canaries and African
violets.



Dr. Lillian Hunter.
Toronto, Ont.
Science teacher.
"To promote the interests and
knowledge of my students in
Science."



Miss Mary E. Johnston
Waterford, Ont.
Commercial teacher
"Allright now".



Miss Harriet Jolliffe, A.A.C.M.
St. Thomas, Ont.
Music teacher and Registrar.
"Jolly" by name and jolly by
nature."



Miss Eli Jorgenson,
Jylland, Denmark.
Interior Decoration teacher
Skiing to Hollywood!



Mrs. L. Knowles,
St. Thomas, Ont.
Fine art teacher.
Miss Swain's side-kick.



Mrs. W. R. Lawrence,
Toronto, Ont.
Senior house mother.
Her quiet voice.



Miss Jean D. Mooney,
Hudson Heights, Quebec.
Physical Ed. teacher.
Kim — who keeps the wolves
away!



Miss Mary Ann Neely,
St. Thomas, Ont.
Private Secretary.
Assuring Commercial girls they'll
make the grade.



Mrs. C. Poole,
London, Ont.
Music teacher.
"Such an attractive husband."



Miss Doris Proudley, A. Mus.
Listowel, Ont.
Music teacher.
"Sleepwalkers in Ivory."



Mrs. C. Schram,
St. Thomas, Ont.
Night watchman.
"Get to your beds."



Miss Reta Swain, L.T.C.M.,
L.R.S.M., St. Thomas, Ont.
Vocal and theory teacher.
"Your stomach in and your dia-
phram out."



Mrs. H. J. Thurlow, M.A.
St. Thomas, Ont.
Math. teacher
Guidance director.
"Now let's see how they do it
in the book."



Miss Doreen Williams, B.A.,
A. Mus., Sarnia, Ont.
Music teacher.
"Is she learning Spanish or
teaching English?"



Mrs. Currie Winlaw, B.A.
Yarmouth Centre, Ont.
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"Gabby, get out."

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Editorials

Many of the students of "Alma" will soon be leaving this ivy-covered castle in its beautifully landscaped setting in the heart of south-western Ontario. As we look back, we realize the golden opportunity that awaited us when it came time to decide to advance our education in this environment.

This year our Alma family consists of girls from fifteen countries. Many of our friendships will be lasting ones. The various activities of our school brought to the light each individual talent, thus enabling each girl to obtain a real personal respect for other members of this family.

Our Almafilian is published to record not only on paper but in our memories the staff, students, and activities of our school. As most everyone knows this is not an easy task; but, as in any phase of work one reaps what one sows, so in the publishing of a year book. To the staff advisors, student committees who aided in the preparatory work of this "Almafilian" we gratefully say "thanks".

I would personally like to extend congratulations to the Class of '55. May each of you have a happy and prosperous future worthy of esteem.

DONNA-RAE PRONG

To my Co-Editor, Donna Prong, the rest of the Almafilian staff, and our very wonderful advisor, Mrs. Doering, I would like to offer my thanks for all that they have done to put forth this magazine.

Also, I would like to extend to you, the students, and the grads of '55 my best wishes for the best of success and happiness in whatever you undertake in the future.

I hope that the Almafilian of this year is everything that you desire and that it will help retain in your minds the rewarding and enriching experiences of the year past.

Once again, thank you —

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"Gus"
Thamesville, Ont. 52-55
Act.: Sports Capt. for R. East,
A.A.A., Choral Club.
Amb.: Secretary.
P.D.: Driving an Inter City
Transport.
Fa. Pa.: Eating.
P.P.: Not more than one week-
end in a week!!
Fa. Ex.: "So what happened
next?"

UPSHALL Pauline
"Polly"
London, Ont. 54-55
Act.: Choral Club, baseball
team.
Amb.: Nurse.
P.D.: Wife of a millionaire.
Fa. Pa.: Reading "fiction"!!
Asset: Black hair.
Fa. Ex.: "What did you say?"



HARTLEY Lorna
Woodstock, Ont. 54-55
Amb.: Private secretary to
Mrs. Doering.
P.D.: Marriage.
Fav. Ex.: "Fish."
P.P.: Arithmetic.
Fa. Pa.: Working on switch-
board.



BONITTO Victoria
Bogota, Colombia, S.A. 54-55
Amb.: Secretary.
P.D.: Business tycoon — St.
Thomas, Ont.
P.P.: Alma!
Fa. Pa.: Combing her hair.
Fa. Ex.: "Oh brother, what
a problem."



WEESE Elaine
"Weese"
Chesley, Ont. 54-55
Act.: Basketball, track and
baseball teams, Treas. Stu-
dent Council.
Amb.: Airline Hostess T.W.A.
P.D.: Digging ditches.
Fa. Ex.: "Oh phew!!"
Asset: Her educated eyebrow.

OLDERHAUSEN Marita von
Lima, Peru, S.A. 54-55
Act.: Tennis and Badminton
teams, Sports captain of
Ivory.
Amb.: Stenographer (Always
on the boss's knee!)
P.D.: Successor to Gussie
Moran.
Fa. Ex.: "You know what I
mean."





AGNEW Daphne
"Daffy"
Saskatoon, Sask. 54-55
Act.: Vice-Pres. Grad class;
Choral Club.
Prob. Dest. Dusting piano
keys in a Saskatoon Music
Store.
Amb.: Music.
Pet Peeve: No men around.
Fa. Ex.: "I've just gotta lose
weight."
Fa. Pa.: Patting her stomach.



BELYEA Elizabeth
"Lee"
Kitchener, Ont. 54-55
Act.: Choral Club
P.P.: Fresh Air Fiend Feick!
Fa. Ex.: "I'm well aware of
the fact."
Fa. Pa.: Driving by "Four
Winds Freeport".
Prob. Dest. Selling furniture
at Krugs.
Amb.: Teacher.



BLAIR Marilyn
London, Ont. 54-55
Act.: Choral and Dramatic
Clubs; Volleyball Team.
Amb.: Receptionist.
Prob. D.: Waitress in the
"Big B."
Fa. Exp.: "No guff?"
P.P.: Pam not turning the light
out till after 12 p.m.
Fa. Pa.: Hopping freight cars
at the C.P.R.



BROWN Barbara G.
"Brownie"
Welland, Ont. 51-55
Act.: House cap't. Ryerson
W., Pres. Choral Club;
Tres. S.C.M.; Almafilian
Staff.
Amb.: To travel around the
world.
P.D.: Selling Willys cars.
P.P.: Falling plaster (!).
Fa. Ex.: "She's so-o-o slow."



BRIDGER Diane
"Bunkie"
Chatham, Ont. 53-55
Act.: Sec. Dramatic Club;
Lifeguard, Choral Club;
Cheerleader; Almafilian
Staff.
Amb.: Nurse.
P. D.: Raising "Les Petits" ???
P.P.: L.F. leaving her drawers
open.
Fa. Ex.: "Hey, kids!" (when
there's only one).
Fa. Pa.: Listening to every-
body's troubles.
Asset.: Those pyjamas of
hers!!



DALY Margaret
"Marnie"
Trail, B.C. 54-55
Act.: Vice Pres. Student coun-
cil; Choral Club.
Amb.: To attend Queens U.
P.D. Teaching science with
her PH.D. at Alma.
P.P.: Mice in the library (?)
Fa. Ex.: "Work, work, work."



DESTUN Linda
St. Thomas, Ont. 51-55
Amb.: To marry a millionaire.
P.D.: Secretary at Alma Col-
lege.
P.P.: Combing her hair.
Fa. Ex.: "Where are you,
Boy?"
Fa. Pa. Sleeping.
Asset: Those beautiful big
brown eyes.

FEICK Beverley
"Feicky"
New Hamburg, Ont. 54-55
Act.: Treas. Student Council;
Sports cap't U.Mac.;
A.A.A.; Choral Club; Track
and Volleyball teams.
Amb.: Physical Education
teacher.
P.D.: Climbing hydro poles!!
P.P.: Her friendly room-mate.
Fa. Ex.: "Belyea, What did
you do now?"
Asset: Her N.H. accent.





FOSTER Lois
"Lou"

Hamilton, Ont. 53-55
Act.: Sports cap't. U.Mac.;
A.A.A.; Sec't. Student Council;
Pres. Drama Club; Choral Club;
Baseball; Basketball teams.
Amb.: Kindergarten teacher.
P.D.: Collecting garbage in St. Thomas.
P.P.: Nocturnal rocking of J.B.
Fa. Ex.: "Did I get my call yet?"
Fa. Pa.: Visiting the infirmary.



FRITZ Mary Louise
"Fritzbitz"

Zurich, Ont. 54-55
Act.: House cap't Ivory, Choral Club.
Amb.: ? ? ?
P.D.: Governess?!
P.P.: Carrying the laundry down on Mon. mornings.
Fa. Ex.: "Come and see me sometime."

KOHLER Olga

Lima, Peru, S.A. 54-55
Act.: Volleyball team.
Amb.: To marry a millionaire.
P.D.: Wife of a street cleaner.
P.P.: Business forms.
Fa. Ex.: "I don't know what that means."



LOGUERCIO Ana

Lima, Peru, S.A. 54-55
Amb.: Receptionist.
P.D.: Running the city of Lima from her swimming pool.
Fa. Pa.: Dieting.
P.P.: Her room-mate.
Fa. Ex.: "No butter for you."

BURGESS Janet
"Jan"

Toronto, Ont. 53-55
Act.: House cap't. U.Mac.; Choral and Drama Club; Lifeguard; Almafilian Staff; Swimming team; Student Council.
Amb.: Nurse at Ottawa Civic.
P.D. Olympic Ski Team-1960.
P.P.: "Oh my golly, do you really mean it?"
Fa. Pa.: Date leave restrictions.
Fa. Ex.: Counting the days until she gets to Ottawa.



CARBERT Corinne
"Tina"

Elmira, Ont. 54-55
Act.: Pres. of Olympians, Basketball; Tennis and Volleyball teams.
Amb.: Nurse.
P.D.: Mascot for the Harlem Globe Trotters.
P.P.: Jo-Ann.
Fa. Ex.: "Keep quiet!"



CARBERT Molly

Elmira, Ont. 54-55
Act.: House cap't. U.Mac.; Student Council; Baseball; Basketball and Volleyball teams.
Amb.: Nurse.
P.D.: Taking care of Barb. and Corinne in Toronto.
P.P.: Fellow friends of Upper Mac (?)
Fa. Pa.: Yelling at people.

CARBERT Barbara

Elmira, Ont. 54-55
Act.: Basketball; Volleyball teams; House cap't Warner; Student Council.
Amb.: Nurse.
P.D.: Airline Hostess.
P.P.: "Variety" of Elgin boys attending W.O.A.S. in Ridgetown.
Asset.: Her room-mate.
Fa. Ex.: "O-kaay."





CARSWELL Yolanda
"Yoyo"

Muskoka, Ont. 54-55
Act.: Choral Club.
Amb.: Teaching in the Far North.
P.D.: Growing tea for the Salada Tea Co.
Fa. Pa.: Proving her side of the story.
Fa. Ex.: "Well now, I don't agree."



GRIMBERG Rosita
Bogata, Columbia, S.A. 54-55
Amb.: Journalist.
P.D.: Modelling lingerie.
P.P.: People who don't knock before entering.
Fa. Ex.: "It's me sitting in here."



HANSELMAN Ann
Delhi, Ont. 54-55
Act.: Vice-pres. Stud. Council; Lifeguard; Pres. of Seniors.
Amb.: Teacher of kindergarten.
P.D.: Working on a tobacco farm.
P.P.: Rosy Cheeks.
Fa. Ex. Oh, Squirt!"



HILL Virginia
Mexico 52-55
Act.: Drama Club.
Amb.: Social Worker.
P.D.: Sweeping the coal yards!!
P.P.: Cold rooms.
Fa. Ex.: "Who, me?"



HODGIN Joan
"Hajji Baba"
Chatham, Ont. 50-55
Amb.: Nurse.
P.D.: Back at Alma for Grade 13.
P.P.: The cowbell!!
Fa. Ex.: "What did you think of that paper?"
Fa. Pa.: Giving back rubs.
Asset: Nice and quiet.



JOHNSON Barbara
"Barbyjon"
Ridgetown, Ont. 54-55
Act.: Basketball team.
Amb.: Teacher.
P.D.: Testing cars at Ridge Raceway.
P.P.: "Little Ones".
Fa. Ex.: "Oh, Terrie."
Fa. Pa.: Early morning walks!



KUNOW Sharon
"Kutz"
Detroit, Mich. 54-55
Amb.: Travel Agency receptionist.
P.D.: Principal of Alma College.
Fa. Ex.: "Ain't that a blast!"
Fa. Pa.: Inspecting wash-rooms.
Act.: Volleyball team.

LEACH Nancy
"Nan"
Wallaceburg, Ont. 54-55
Act.: Almafilian Staff, Pres. of Intermediates.
Amb.: Ryerson Inst. Retail Merchandising.
P.D.: Janitor at Waterloo College.
Fa. Ex.: "No kidding!"
Fa. Pa.: Just sitting thinking.
Asset: Her clothes.





LINN Helen
"Terrie"

Sheffield, Ont. 51-55
Act.: Sports Cap't Ryerson W.,
Pres. Drama Club; Sect.
A.A.A.; Basketball and
Archery team; Stud. Council;
Almatilian Staff.
Amb.: Teacher.
P.D.: Bubble Dancer.
P.P.: A tall blonde Junior (?)
Fa. Ex.: "I love shocking
people!"
Fa. Pa.: Practising? ? ?

MAIDEN Mavis

Leamington, Ont. 53-55
Act.: Librarian of Choral
Club; Treas. Drama Club.
Amb.: To overtake an undertaker!!
P.D.: Secretary of Davidson's
Funeral Home.
P.P.: People who leave her
door open.
Fa. Ex.: "Do unto others as
you'd want done unto you."
Fa. Pa.: Playing the piano.



MARR Sheila
"Marrbaby"

Act.: Tennis; Track teams;
Lifeguard; Choral Club;
Drama Club.
Amb.: Nurse.
P.D.: Interviewing interns at
T.G.H.
P.P.: A.R.'s other friends.
Fa. Ex.: "I just about died!"
Fa. Pa.: Read-----ing!!



McEEEKEN Marilyn
"McKeeken"

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. 54-55
Act.: Sec't Stud. Council;
Baseball; Volleyball, Basketball teams.
Amb.: Stenographer.
P.D.: Training Huskies!!
P.P.: Broken fingers.
Fa. Ex.: "Oh, Barb, really!!!"

MERRALL Susanne
"Sue"

Caledonia, Ont. 54-55
Act.: Pres. Stud. Council;
House Cap't Ryerson W.;
Tennis; Pres. of Grad.
Class.
Amb.: Will she ever make up
her mind? ?
P.D.: Western Union.
P.P.: Too few letters from
Windsor.
Fa. Ex.: "Peace on you!"
Fa. Pa.: Life gets "Ted-jus",
don't it? ?



MILLER Marvel
"Marvellous"

Ottawa, Ont. 54-55
Act.: Choral, and Drama
Clubs; S.C.M.
Amb.: Nurse.
P.D.: Mayoress of Ottawa.
P.P.: Those braces!!
Fa. Ex.: "How vulgar!"
Fa. Pa.: Handing out pills to
people in need.



NISHIMURA Joan
Cedar Springs, Ont. 52-55
Amb.: Commercial artist.
P.D.: Christian Dior's successor.
P.P.: Ambrosia salad.
Fa. Ex.: "Chop me up and
call me Suey."
Asset: Her artistic ability.

NOFTLE Janie
"Newfy"

St. John's, Newfoundland 54-55
Act.: Custodian of the "Dip";
Pres. S.C.M.; Student Council.
Amb.: Missionary.
P.D.: To be a Rubie!!
Fa. Ex.: "Shucks!!"
P.P.: Miss William's plant.





OKUHARA Kay
 Blenheim, Ont. 54-55
 Amb.: Travel Agency receptionist.
 P.D.: Career girl.
 P.P.: People who tickle her.
 Fa. Ex.: "Oh man!"
 Fa. Pa.: Counting her money??

OWENS Sandra
 "Sandy"
 Sarnia, Ont. 52-55
 Act.: Choral; Drama Clubs; Cheerleader.
 P.P.: People who don't love children.
 Amb.: Paediatric nurse.
 P.D.: Supervisor of St. Joseph's.
 Fa. Ex.: "Room m-mate!"
 Fa. Pa.: Reading horoscopes.



PAGE Joni
 "Boobs"
 Simcoe, Ont. 54-55
 Act.: Volleyball team.
 Amb.: Undecided.
 P.D.: Scrubbing floors in a hospital.
 P.P.: Her nickname.
 Fa. Ex.: "I laughed."



PITT Roseclare
 Southampton West, Bermuda 52-55
 Amb.: School teacher.
 P.D.: School teacher.
 P.P.: Anyone who tells jokes.
 Fa. Ex.: "It was just awful."

PRONG Donna-Rae
 Aylmer, Ont. 54-55
 Act.: Sec. S.C.M.; Co-ed. Almafilian; Elgin Junior Farmers.
 Amb.: Private Secretary.
 P.D.: Radio and T.V. "soap-slinger"!!
 Fa. Ex.: "Yes dear."
 Fa. Pa.: Going out every other night.
 Asset: Her smile!!



ROBBINS Amaryllis (Ginger)
 "Gin"
 St. Thomas, Ont. 53-55
 Act.: House cap't Dobson, Sports cap't Dobson; Volleyball team.
 Amb.: Private Secretary.
 P.D.: Private —(guess!)
 P.P.: Still going to school!!
 Fa. Ex.: "Hey guess what Jack did the other day!"



SCHMIDT Ingrid
 Bogota, Columbia, S.A. 53-55
 Amb.: To finish Grade 12.
 P.D.: Commercial Student.
 P.P.: Cream.
 Fa. Ex.: "Betty-y-y-y!!"

SEARLE Beverley
 "Bevie"
 Toronto, Ont. 54-55
 Act.: Co-ed Almafilian; Vice-pres. Drama Club; S.C.M.; Librarian; Swimming team, Cheerleader.
 Amb.: Toronto Teachers College (55-56).
 P.D.: Humber-side Collegiate (55-56)!!!
 P.P.: People who don't like Harley 74's!!
 Fa. Ex.: "Say kids, I go for that!"
 Fa. Pa.: Trying anything once for a laugh!!!





SEXTON Ann Margaret
"Peg"

London, Ont. 54-55
Act.: Choral Club; Cheerleader; Volleyball team.
Amb.: To pass history.
P.D.: Secretary to Liberace.
Fa. Ex.: "Isn't she funny??"
Fa. Pa.: Getting to classes on Time(? ? ?)
Asset: Her "Exquisite Form."



SHOEMAKER Ann

Guelph, Ont. 54-55
Act.: Lifeguard; Swimming team.
Amb.: Art teacher.
P.D.: Selling bathing suits.
Fa. Pa.: Skating.
Fa. Ex.: "Well now, I don't know."

SIMMS Donna
"Sexy"

Loring, Ont. 54-55
Act.: Choral Club.
Amb.: University music course.
P.D.: Jailkeeper!!!
P.P.: Blind Dates.
Fa. Ex.: "I hate 'cha'!!"



SINCLAIR Daphne
"Duffy"

Woodstock, Ont. 52-53, 54-55
Act.: Almafilian staff.
Amb.: Brain specialist.
P.D.: Nurse.
P.P.: People who use her record player without her permission.
Fa. Ex.: "Not very —, Hardly at all!!!"
Fa. Pa.: Keeping Pigtail alley up till 12.30.
Asset: Those Woodstock men!!!

SMITH Josephine
"Jo"

Gore Bay, Ont. 54-55
Act.: Pres. Stud. Council; Choral; Drama Clubs.
Amb.: English teacher.
P.D.: Peeling potatoes for her brother.
Fa. Ex.: "Alright Weese, you've had it!!!"
Asset: Her voice.



SMITH Phyllis Ann
"Phyl"

Plattsville, Ont. 54-55
Act.: Choral Club.
Amb.: Waterloo College
P.D.: Hamburg Hi School.
P.P.: Sailors.
Fa. Ex.: "Hey, Jan let's start exercises tonight."
Fa. Pa.: Exercising!!!?



SUTHERLAND Pamela
"Pam"

Ottawa, Ont. 50-51, 53-55
Act.: Lifeguard, Drama Club.
Amb.: Doctor.
P.D.: Doctor.
P.P.: Sarcasm.
Fa. Pa.: Collecting and reading everybody else's comic books.

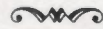
TREGUNNO Miriam
"Trigger"

St. Catharines, Ont. 54-55
Act.: Sports Capt. for Ivory; A.A.A.
Amb.: Child Psychologist.
P.D.: Wife of business tycoon.
Fa. Ex.: "I still think the \$5000 deal best."



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Seated one day in the library
I was weary and longed to be free.
My thoughts were wandering idly
When sudden, there came to me--
A vision of the future;
Startled, I seemed to see
The girls of Alma '55
Each fulfilling her destiny.

From Warner, I saw:
Agnew, a thrush in a nightclub.
Joe Smith, her partner in song.
Yolanda and Marnie are modelling
Each one in a lovely sarong.
Donna Prong is a pet
Riding round in a jet,
As her room-mate Barb invents bombs.
Weese is running the three minute mile,
And Leach's speedboats are right in style.

From Ryerson there came:
Pam Sutherland, now styling hair.
Her room-mates, Marilyn and Barb
Own a factory, together making soda bicarb.
Helen Linn has won the Kentucky Derby.
Barb Johnson is married to a fellow named Herbie.
The "Terrible Trio" has broken up--
Kunow with her cure for the common hic-up.
Shoemaker we find in a circus no less.
She's the lion tamer in a low cut dress.
Helen Wall is as professional as she can be
For she's now a tree surgeon, you see.
Pauline we see as a sweet young nurse.
Why do her patients keep getting worse?
Hill is a millionairess in her teens,
She's raising Mexican jumping beans,
Sue Merrall is now a recording star--
Life get "Ted-i-ous" has gone quite far.
Marvel too is a sweet young nurse,
From her care patients leave in a hearse.

And now we see a miss called Feick,
She rides up hydro poles on her bike.
Her room-mate Lee is quite a card
She barks for Fido in commercials for "Pard"

Schmidt is there, her typewriter before her,
Typing her novel "South of the Border".
Hodgin sings "Carmen" next week at the Met.
Sexton sells clocks, she's still punctual you bet!

Searle rides a motorcycle you know.
She's a lady cop and boy can she go!
Janet and Diane run an old maids' home,
While Foster's a garbage collector in Rome.
Phyllis Ann Smith, in a restaurant we see.
She'll read your fortune from a cup of tea.
Next comes Molly who's now at sea,
In the navy version of "Fibber McGee".
In Toronto, we find Marilyn McMeeken,
Through Ryerson's key-hole she always is peekin'
Miss Grimberg is next with a bright red shawl,
The new receptionist in the main hall.
Maiden's a maiden, for but a short time
For she soon will hear wedding bells chime.
There is the girl in the black and white--
Sandy Owens, now wears convict stripes!'.
Then across the hall and under the bed,
Sinclair is shrinking a human head!

Corinne is at present in old New York.
She's learning how to use her fork!'.
Sheila Marr? No one would recognize
As a lass of fashion she takes the prize.
The next girl we see is Mary Lou Fritz
She's broiling lobsters at the Ritz.
Ann Hanselman wears a green and white shirt.
She advertises for the pop called "Squirt".
Joni Page, we find upon her knees.
She's at the bottom of a bowl of "Tastee-freeze".
Tregunno and Simms, our two georgeous dolls
Are big time cheerleaders, enacting new calls.

Linda and Joan who have broken their backs--
Waiting on us--now drive Cadillacs.
There in Newfoundland Janie Nofle I see.
She's pulling huge sharks right out of the sea.
Roseclaire Pitt, I perceive with my mystic eye
She's climbing a mountain twenty thousand feet high!
And there in a coffin Ginger I see
She killed herself laughing at the Class Prophecy!'.!'



CUPID CAPERS

Does the date "February 19th" have a familiar sound? To many girls it was the highlight of the winter term. On this date we held the annual Senior Prom, this year called "Cupid's Capers."

For days beforehand the College throbbed with excitement. On every side invitations, hair appointments, evening dresses, and of course, "ESCORTS" were the chief topics of conversation.

The decorating committee under the guidance of Mary Ann MacVicar did wonders with the gymnasium. The colour scheme was red and white. Hearts and valentines were used effectively to decorate the walls and windows.

On the night of the dance girls looking their glamorous best excitedly descended the centre stairway to greet their "dates" and lead them to the drawing room where they were received by Mrs. Sifton, and Jo Smith, president of the Student Council, and her partner, David Scatcher.

This ordeal over, we repaired to the "gym" where Johnny Brennan and his orchestra provided dreamy music. At ten-thirty we gathered in the dining room for a delicious lunch, provided by Miss Grobb, assisted by the student waitresses.

The rest of the evening passed all too quickly and before we knew it, it was mid-night and a wonderful evening was over except for the "good-byes" in the front hall and, of course, the long discussion which went on far into the night. All in all Cupid's Capers of 1955 was voted a memorable success.

Lynn Nicholson.

GET TOGETHER PARTY

September 9th, of 1954, marked the date of Alma's first social event. It was a "Get Together" party for everyone, young and old.

We, shy but curious "freshies" went down to the gymnasium to meet the old girls (!) and teachers. There were games, dances, and fun for all. For those girls who were still full of energy a "Splash" was set for 9.00.

To top the evening off, hotdogs and soft drinks were served in the "gym". Everyone was sent to bed tired but happy to dream about her first day at Alma.

Sharon E. Kunow.

"UNDER-GRADS" SONG"

TUNE: Davy Crockett

There stand our graduates of '55
Keeping the spirit of Alma alive
Holding there heads up proud and high
As the great moment is drawing nigh

CHORUS

Farewell, farewell grads
Queens of the college halls
Farewell, farewell grads
Oh how we'll miss you all

We can just see them on that great day
As to their places they wend their way
Carrying their roses, wearing a smile
Knowing their efforts have been worthwhile

What will their thoughts be as there they stand
Holding their Diplomas in their hand
They are sure to be of our School so dear
And the many friends they have made while here.

The time has been short since we all met
But it will be long ere we forget
The ivy covered school with its stately towers
And the '55 grads we're proud to call ours

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Girls in Alma

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A Root but no stem,
A Lodge with a Hunter,
And a Park with no men!

We've got a Mac Donald minus the farm,
We've got a Powell but not Jane.
There's a Babe but no woods,
And a Hill but no plain.

There's a Ward but no hospital,
Stones but no rocks.
We're lacking wolves,
But we've sure got a Fox.

There's a Wall with no windows,
A Page with no book.
A Tier with no car, and a Gill
Without fish on her hook.

These and many more
All very much alive,
Make up our school
In the year '54-'55.

In History Class:

Mrs. Coulter: "What was the War of the Roses?"

Molly Carbert: "It was the war where the generals threw bouquets at each other!"

Exams may come---

And exams may go--

But I fail on forever!!!

Mrs. Douglas: "Joni, what are the two genders?"

Joni: "Masculine and Feminine. The masculine are divided into temperate and imtemperate, and the feminine into frigid and torrid!"

Mrs. Doering: "Anneke, there is a fly in my soup."

Anneke: "Don't worry, he won't drink much."

The Biology class was discussing the feeding of hogs.

Dr. Hunter: "Janie, what is a good mineral form of food for pigs?"

Janie: "Pig Iron!"

Mrs Sifton: "What are you going to sing Hiroko?"

Hiroko: "A love song?"

Mrs. Sifton: "Pardon!"

Hiroko: "A lullaby?"

Mrs. Sifton: "It really doesn't matter, one usually follows the other!"

Diane: "You know what Lois? Bill's found his calling in life."

Lois: "Really! What is it?"

Diane: "He's going to be an archeologist."

Lois: "Say, that's a pretty tough course for him isn't it?"

Diane: "Sure is, I don't know why he chose it!"

Lois: "Maybe it's because you've got rocks in your head!!!"

Two members of the foreign legions were sitting out in the desert and the one said to the other downheartedly. "You know Sam, I can't even remember that girl's name that I came out here to forget!!!"

Dr. Hunter: "How was coal discovered?"

Peg Sexton: "My father told me they smelt it!"

Dr. Hunter: "Man makes mistakes."

Belyea to Whaley: "So does woman!!"

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LEFT TO RIGHT:— Lois Foster, Beverley Feick, Sue Merrall, Josephine Smith, Elaine Weese, Marilyn McMeeken.
Front:— Ann Hanselman, Marnie Daly.

The Student Council

"The chief aim of the Student Council is to ensure the fullest measure of co-operation among the students in the promotion of the best interest of the college."

Elected to fulfill this duty for the two terms are as follows:

First Term

Sue Merrall
Marnie Daly
Lois Foster
Beverley Feick

President
Vice-President
Secretary
Treasurer

Second Term

Josephine Smith
Ann Hanselman
Marilyn McMeeken
Elaine Weese

To start a school year off right is a hard task, but it was handled well by the first term executive. After the rampage of "Hurricane Hazel" an Auction Sale was held in the gymnasium to raise money for the Flood Relief and doughnuts were sold. Aided by funds from the S.C.M., the Student Council was able to donate fifty dollars.

Plans for the Christmas formal, the "Holly Hop" went ahead next. The functioning of the Council was checked hardly by the illness of the President, Sue Merrall. The Vice-President, Marnie Daly carried on admirably at school and the president from her hospital bed. The twenty-five dollars left over from the dance was used to buy Christmas gifts for Mrs. Sifton, Mrs. Doering, Mrs. Douglas, and the household Staff.

Preparations for the Senior Prom, "Cupid's Capers", Feb. 19 were carried out by the second term council. An agreement was made that Mr. McKittrick of London would take the school pictures, the week starting Feb. 28.

At this point in the school year the present council is looking forward to the Graduation Dance, May Day, and the Graduation Ceremonies.

HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES

Josephine Smith

House

Warner
Ryerson East
Ryerson East
Ivory
Lower Mac
Upper Mac

First Term

Barbara Carbert
Joan Philp
Barbara G. Brown
Mary Louise Fritz
Lynn Nicholson
Molly Carbert

Second Term

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Marlene Root
Sue Merrall
Patricia Connors
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ALMA COLLEGE S. C. M.

LEFT TO RIGHT:— Janie Nofle, (President), Sheila Marr, (Vice-President), Donna-Rae Prong (Secretary), Barbara G. Brown (Treasurer).

The Student Christian Movement of Alma College has had a very active and varied year. Its programme is designed to keep before the students the claims of the Christian faith. We believe that education and religion go hand in hand; and no person is really educated unless she has some knowledge of the meaning and history of religion.

Our religious "activities" take two forms. One is the Sunday evening chapel service. In an effort to stir up discussion on the campus concerning Christianity in our maiden world, the S.C.M. invited speakers to these Sunday evening chapel services, for which the students were responsible the first Sunday in each month. The following is a list of the special programmes presented during the year:

- Miss Doreen Lee, Executive Director of the St. Thomas Y.W.C.A. gave an address on the work of this organization.
- Rev. Beverly Oaten of Five Oaks spoke to the girls on "Seeing Beauty".
- Miss Rachael McKay told us of her two years in Paris.
- Miss Bessie MacMurphy of the University of Western Ontario, who spent many years as a nurse in India, showed us the different types of Indian costumes.
- A special address was given on October 17th by Dr. Dobson on the founding of Alma College.
- During Y.M.C.A. week, an address was given by Mr. George Walker, Director of the St. Thomas Y.M.C.A. He was assisted by his son "Mac", who spoke on recreation in Y.M.C.A.
- Mr. and Mrs. Thurlow shared with us their fine colour slides on Japan, taken by their son Jim.
- Dwight Reid, a Theological student of Western University, conducted an evening worship service in the chapel.
- Miss Gertrude Cole, a teacher of English at the Collegiate in St. Thomas, gave us an account of her trip to the Holy Land.
- Mr. Thorman, who had spent a year teaching in the British Isles, gave a talk on the value of private schools and compared Canadian private education with British private education.
- Mr. Gordon Dollar of St. Thomas brought the girls up to date on the pleasures of university life in an informal talk.
- Ruth Tillman, of Toronto, who has spent the past six years working as a United Church missionary in Newfoundland, showed us coloured pictures of her work there.

Our other activity is in the form of special projects in which we helped to bring hope and happiness to those in need. First we turned our thoughts to Korea, and sent a \$10 "Care" parcel to provide school supplies for a little Korean boy.

Then we felt it was our duty to help the Crippled Children's Fund, and so a cheque of \$10.00 was sent to the "Canadian March of Dimes".

Through Jim Thurlow, a teacher in a Japanese school in Nishinomiya, we were introduced to Tatsuo Isaka San, a young Japanese student who is training for the Christian ministry and because of ill health needed help. A gift of \$30.00 was sent to him at Christmas.

At that time, a letter came from Jim requesting help to purchase Bibles for thirty Japanese students; a cheque for \$35.00 was sent out to him for this purpose.

The one project which has perhaps brought the most joy to our students was our adoption of John William Denzil, a twelve-year-old boy of "Saint George's Home", Madras, India. He was taken into this school because his mother could not support him. Both John and his mother had gone hungry most of the time, and the health of both was critical. Since entering the school John has proved to be a fine boy. It is projects like this that not only establish a personal bond of fellowship, but give us an opportunity of helping those for whom a little can mean so much.

I would like to express my thanks to all the students who have joined wholeheartedly in the work of the S.C.M. throughout the year. Our meetings, our services and our activities have been enriched by those who have contributed and by those who have used their talents in music and song.

In closing I would like to leave this thought with you: You will find, as you look back upon this year, that the moments which stand out above everything else are the moments when you have done things in a spirit of Christian love

Janie Nofle



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CHORAL CLUB

Stop and think of the Candlelighting service. You naturally think of the Choral Club. This year's enrolment in the club was the largest ever seen in the school. Meeting every Tuesday and Friday the group exercised its vocal chords in preparation for its appearance in chapel or at a school function.

The fifty girls in the Choral Club all join me in thanking our very capable instructress, Miss Harper, for her patience and assistance in making the Choral Club the most successful organization at Alma this year! Our hands go out to you Miss Harper, wishing you and the Choral Club of '56 a year in which you accomplish as high a standard as the club of '54-'55 did.

Diane Bridger.

LEFT TO RIGHT: 1st ROW:—Sandra Owens, Mavis Maidens, (Librarian), Miss Harper, (Director), Barbara G. Brown, (President), Marilew Hahn, (Secretary-Treasurer).



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A delightful comedy entitled, "Shakespeare Stirs Up Things" was performed for the Alumnae of St. Thomas in March, and it made a "big hit".

Everyone is looking forward to the summer production of "Robin Hood and Babes In the Woods" to be put on in the Amphitheatre, June 4. Many thanks and "hats off" to Miss Cutler, our producer.

LEFT TO RIGHT: 1st ROW:— Mavis Maidens, Helen Linn, Miss Cutler, Lois Foster, Diane Bridger.

2nd ROW:— Sandra Owens, Ginger Robbins, Beverley Searle, Nancy Mitson.

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2nd ROW:— Terry Linn, Miss Mooney, Coach, Lois Foster.

3rd ROW:— Carol Boomer, Helen Wall, Ginger Robbins, Miriam Tregunno, Mary Ellen Anthony, Marita von Olderhausen, Beverley Feick.

Alma Athletic Association

Our A.A.A. consists of the sport's captains of all the houses. The executive is chosen from this group with our sports instructor, Miss Mooney, as an honorary member. There were the following members:

First Term

Lois Foster (Upper Mac)
 Frances Peets (Warner)
 Terry Linn (Ryerson West)
 Grete Schroeder (Lower Mac)
 Helen Wall (Ryerson East)
 Marita von Olderhausen (Ivory)
 Mary Ellen Anthony (Dobson)

President
 Vice-President
 Secretary-Treasurer

Second Term

Sandra Irvine (Ryerson West)
 Miriam Tregunno (Ivory)
 Beverley Feick (Upper Mac)
 Betty Cunningham (Lower Mac)
 Carol Boomer (Ryerson East)
 Frances Peets (Warner)
 Ginger Robbins (Dobson)

The arranging of inter-house tournaments, the directing of after school sports, and the selling of hot-dogs at basketball games were undertaken by the Athletic Association with the guidance of Miss Mooney. We are very grateful to her for all the assistance she has given us in making this work successful.

For future years the Association hopes to do even more to provide a better athletic programme for the girls of Alma.

Sandra Irvine

LITERARY

ALMA GRADUATES SONG '55

Our Alma Days are past,
Grad's here at last,
And as we bid adieu to all our friends
We will recall these ivy walls,
The Bell that calls us to
Our work for a future bright and clear.
"Toujours En Avant" our motto true
To guide us forward all the long years through.
Our memories dear, hold the thoughts
Of chapel talks and candlelighting too,
To cherish now and forevermore
As we close the door
Of dear old Alma.

Tune: No Other Love.

MY HOME-TOWN

In the haven of the bluffs it lay,
My peaceful, small home-town,
And stretched beyond it the sapphire bay
And distant mist like a shimmering gown.
And high up above in the deep blue sky,
I see little snow-white clouds float by;
As the sweet scented breezes come whispering roun'
I think there's no place like my own home town.

—Josephine Smith

SOLUTION

A dog barks, a cat yowls.
In the tree, I hear two owls.
All four make a great ado.
I cannot sleep, What to do?

Shut the window? Throw a shoe?
I simply must stop that ado.
Then a brilliant idea appears—
Now I sleep—plugs in my ears.

—Anonymous

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HANDS

The human hands are man's most remarkable tools. The tiny, groping hands of the newborn baby who is unaware of their importance in the years to come. The strange fascination they hold for the tiny tots. The creative hands of the youth as he fumbles clumsily with his jalopy motor. The quick, intelligent hands of the college student alert every moment to discover new things. The capable, steady hands of the faithful doctor going about his never-ending work of healing. The gnarled hands of the farmer roughened with work. The trembling toil worn hands of the old that have felt their way through the long journey of life. All this the young soldier thinks as he gazes bewilderedly at his bandaged stumps and wonders hopelessly how he will live without his hands, hands that are the symbol of faith, hope, happiness and success.

Daphne Agnew.

THREE LETTERS

Beverley Searle.

The small, white light at the end of the hospital room shed its dim glow over the beds nearest it. They held some of the broken, wounded soldiers of the Korean war. Some of the men were sleeping, their fear and pain forgotten for the moment, while others lay awake, too racked with the agony of injuries and fears to sleep. It was to one of the latter the army nurse came. She knew the soldier lay awake in his bed, yet she had done all that she could to relieve his pain. He was a very young soldier capable of stirring compassion even in the most calloused heart. He had become rather special to the young nurse because he seemed to need more care and attention than his fellows. He put up a hard and bitter front but through his eyes, one could see the scars of an unloved childhood and the hurt of an insecure manhood. The nurse approached his bed quietly and paused there a moment. She knew that he didn't really care if he lived or died and that he was feebly tottering on the brink between the two extremes.

The previous night she had promised to write a letter home for him and although she doubted the wisdom of his seemingly queer plan, she did not have the heart to refuse to take part in it. So it was that she began to write this very important letter directed by his barely audible voice.

About a week later in a large city of the United States, a letter from overseas was delivered to a fashionable home. The butler received it at the door and handed it over to the maid, who in turn ran up the stairs, and delivered it to a cold austere-looking woman in her mid-fifties. Only a part of that letter needs to be recorded here -- that part which meant life or death to the young soldier fighting his way through a maze of pain and mental anguish.

"---and so, Mother and Father, could I bring my buddy home with me? He is very badly wounded and will require constant care for some time. He will never walk again, as he has lost both legs, and to sum it up, he is pretty badly chewed up by the Reds' shrapnel. Maybe you'll find it hard to understand but this means a lot to him, for if you refuse, he won't have much to live for. You see, he has no family at home to care for him---"

The woman, and the man who had entered the bedroom just in time to hear the letter, looked at each other, an angry frown on the face of the woman and a cold unfathomable expression on the face of the man.

Again, a little more than a week later, the nurse was making her early morning rounds. As it was still dark, she carried in her hand a small flashlight. She approached the bed of the young soldier, but by some inexplicable feeling she knew without testing, that he was dead. Somehow she managed to find the strength to pick up the white sheet of paper on the pillow beside his head. One part of it seemed to leap from the page at her, and tear itself agonizingly into her soul and brain.

"---of course you cannot be so thoughtless and inconsiderate, son, as to expect us to take on the responsibility of this friend of yours. We certainly have no place in our busy life to bother with such a badly crippled man. What would our friends say when they heard of such a thing? It is perfectly ridiculous and entirely unnecessary on your part to suggest this. Surely you don't expect your mother to bear the sight of a legless scarred veteran, do you? I am confident that you will see this matter our way and not mention the subject again---".

The nurse managed to check the scalding tears streaming down her cheeks, long enough to look at the face of the soldier again. It was filled with a peaceful contentment and there was almost an expression of joy there. She knew then that he had found eternal happiness and the love which he had missed on earth.

Sometime later, a black-edged telegram was delivered to the same fashionable home and accompanying it was a letter. As in the previous two, only one part of it needs to be recorded here.

"---and so you know the reason for your son's death. He was not killed in action, although in one sense he died, fighting a losing battle with himself. Yes, he lost, and maybe it wasn't even a courageous loss, but yet in his own way, he won. You see, he has found a Paradise, where there is no hatred or neglect and where he will be lovingly cared for, and where there is time, always, for love and devotion. Although I no longer need pray for his happiness, I pray for yours, and I pray that through his death, you may love others in his place."

Yours very sincerely,
Tim's nurse.

WILL TELEVISION REPLACE THE MOVIES?

Carol Ann Powell-11.

A great new entertainment has arrived - television, or as it is commonly called T.V. Television is comparatively new in Canada, the first privately owned station was opened only a year ago, but already the number of outdoor sports attendants and radio fans has been reduced. The big question now is, will it replace motion pictures?

By law no movie may be shown on T.V. unless it is at least five years old. May I assure you that most of those shown are a great deal older and are quite often second-rate pictures.

Motion picture studios have struck back at television with third dimensional movies and cinemascope, but the better the movie, the higher the price. If a picture is described as super-colossal, it is good. A movie described as magnificent is even better. But one described as stupendous is simply out of this world--and so is the

price. Probably in a few years the price of a show will pay the weekly installment on the family television set.

One must also consider that Hollywood no longer has an abundance of male stars. There are no longer any Great Valentinos, and Clark Gable and Gregory Peck are not as young as they used to be.

In any case, Hollywood is frantically searching for new box-office attractions while more and more people are comfortably settling in front of their T.V. sets, in soft arm-chairs, ready to enjoy "I Love Lucy".

MIKE AND BOBO

Daphne Sinclair-12.

A small boy sat on the step, outside a run-down tenement building. He had been sobbing brokenheartedly for close to an hour and was the picture of misery and utter despair. The street was dull and deserted except for the occasional alleycat roaming about looking for its midday meal.

The child was so lost to the world that he did not hear the man come down the steps and stop at the street, looking at him. He only realized his audience when he felt a gentle hand on his shoulder and heard a voice softly asking him what was troubling him. Without looking up, he replied to the stranger's question.

"Bobo went away and Mommy says that he'll never come back again."

Mike looked up at the tall man beside him, and recognized Father Corrigan, the priest of the church on the next block. Upon being interrogated as to his name, he replied.

"Mike. Mike Brannon." then continued, "Daddy went away too, and Mommy says he won't ever come home either. Daddy's different though because he went away to fight. Bobo didn't do that. He just disappeared."

Father Corrigan had seemed to be in a hurry but now he wasn't anymore. He sat down beside the boy on the step and asked him more questions. With his wide brown eyes fixed on the compassionate face of the priest, Mike explained how his mother had received a letter two years before, with "something bad" in it. Ever since then, she hadn't been very happy or much like herself.

"Come to think of it, she hasn't even liked Bobo very much."

That seemed peculiar to Mike as his mother had been very fond of the puppy when his father had brought Bobo home.

"Son," said Father Corrigan, "Bobo may not be gone for ever. I'm sure you will find him again sometime. It may be sooner than you think, and yet it may be a very long time. No one can tell, but if you pray to God hard enough and earnestly, he will grant you almost anything. Say your prayers tonight, Mike, and mean every word you say. Pray for your Mommy and Daddy and Bobo, and most of all, pray that you will be a good boy and always do what you should do. God can tell if you mean it or not, and he will answer your prayers as He sees fit."

With that, and a rumple of Mike's shaggy brown hair, Father Corrigan got up, said good-bye and walked down the street towards his parish.

That night after he had washed his face, and very reluctantly, in and behind his ears, Mike knelt down beside his bed. It was rather hard to remember the prayers that he used to say before his mother had received the letter from the army about his father. However, after he had concentrated for five minutes or so, he began to recall the words of the Lord's Prayer. They seemed to have meaning too. After repeating it several times he added a postscript.

"Dear God, I know that I'm not very good, but I do want to be. Bobo, Mommy and Daddy and I aren't very happy because we aren't together and I was hoping you might help to bring us all back together again like Father Corrigan says you can. Please, God, we'd all appreciate it an awful lot."

Kate Brannon, although her son didn't realize it, had been standing at the door of his bedroom and her eyes were just a bit misty. After tucking Mike in, she went and dialed a number on the telephone.

"Hello, Mabel? This is Kate Brannon speaking. Do you still have that little dog I gave you to sell? You have? That's wonderful! I've decided that he wasn't such a nuisance after all and I'd like to get him back. Could I pick him up early tomorrow morning? I want to surprise Mike. I can? Thanks ever so much, Mabel. 'Bye now."

The next afternoon, Father Corrigan was disturbed in the midst of his preparation for his sermon for the following Sunday, by an excited knocking on the rectory door. Opening it, he exclaimed,

"Why Mrs. Brannon! What a pleasant surprise. It's been such a long time."

"Yes it has Father, but from now on it's going to be different. I received a letter from the coast this morning. Frank is alive and well! The war office listed him as dead when he was captured. He's coming home next week! I saw you in our building yesterday, and Mike said his prayers last night. I know you were talking to him, and his prayers were answered. I don't know how to thank you enough for setting Mike back on the right foot and for showing me what I should have done a long, long time ago."

Watching her walk down the street, Father Corrigan thought to himself,

"It certainly is wonderful what a child's faith and prayers can do!"

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MAY DAY

The sun shone brightly on the Amphitheatre on Saturday, May 14 for another wonderful May Day! Spirits and hopes were high for the festival and everything went off in the best order. Linda made a very beautiful Queen and with her attendants, counsellors, and the rest of her court, reigned happily over the festivities in her honour.

Special thanks should go to Miss Mooney for her excellent direction and work, and to all who helped her behind the scenes.

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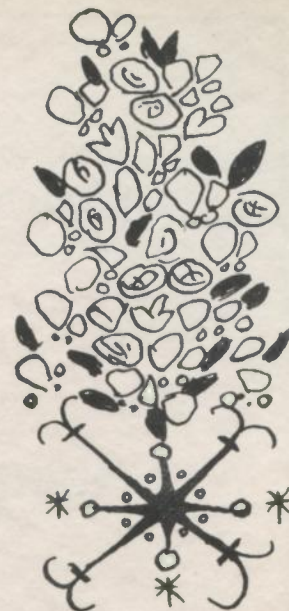
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Where Are The Grads of 1954?



Eleanor "Mother", Daniels, is a secretary at the Y.M.C.A. in Brantford. She is loving every minute of it.

Micki Lucas and Maryanne Kohl are attending the University of Florida, while Jo-Ann Helmer stayed closer to home to attend Toronto University. Even closer to dear old Alma at Western University is Ann Langford.

Back at Colligate and finding it tough going are Barb Henderson and Eleanor Robinson.

Marsha Leadston, Gail Bucke, Barbara Williams, Margo King, and Barbara Duncan all have obtained positions in offices. They must have been well-trained !!

Liz Baker and Stella Taylor are now at Ryerson Institute receiving further education.

Marilyn Anderson, Jeanne Doering and Barbara Lotz are in training at London Victoria, Ottawa Civic, and Kitchener-Waterloo General hospitals respectively. They have received their caps and are well on the way to obtaining their R.N. degrees!

Bea Carvolth is working at London Life, while last year's May Queen Trudy Ibler has returned to South America after four and a half long years.

Julie Scruton is now Mrs. Norman Anderson. Happy Housekeeping !!

Bette Cooke loves her office position at Canadian Express Company in Toronto.

Cecile Dummett visited the school early in the year with Donna Wickham before returning to her home in British Guiana.

At Teachers' College are Shirley McCallum, Elizabeth Ann Harvey, Joyce Haviland; and Donna Paul is training as a Lab. Technician in Toronto.

Helen Sutherland is working at Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation in Ottawa.

Back at Alma this year to further their education are Helen Pullen and Anneke Kiers.

Good Luck in your coming years, Grads of '54, and the very best success to the Grads of '55.

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WHAT THE STAFF WOULD SAY IF---

One day, a very down-hearted girl, sat in her room, wondering just what the staff would say if she committed suicide. She came to me, related her woeful tale and asked for my help in the matter.

My, job, was to find out the different reactions from the staff when I told them I had found Sharon E. Kunow hanging from a basket ball basket in the gymnasium, where she had taken her life. Here are the comments:

Mrs. Sifton: What will the Board say? ?!!
 Mrs. Doering: No more leaves for her!
 Mrs. Douglas: She just handed in an essay; I would too!
 Miss Johnston: A coward's way out!
 Dr. Hunter: By the law of gravity she'll have to come down.
 Mrs. Coulter: This'll go down in history.
 Miss Brien: How did she get her head through that thing?
 Mrs. Thurlow: She needed guidance, but did she hang perpendicular to the floor.
 Mrs. Allin: Skipping typing again, eh?
 Miss Mooney: Hurrah! Two points for Alma!!
 Mrs. Lawrence: Did she turn in her locker key and get her laundry?
 Miss Grobb: It couldn't have been anything she ate---Could it??
 Miss Gill: Has Rigormortis set in yet?

Alas, this was the fate of Sharon E. Kunow!!

SONGS OF ALMA

"Shake, Rattle and Roll"--Grade 12 "gym" classes.
 "Hearts of Stone"--Mrs. Sifton and Mrs. Doering--when girls are on the carpet.
 "Ready, Willing, and Able"--Girls on Saturday night leaves and week-end permissions.
 "Just Taking It Easy"--Victims of the Infirmary.
 "Who's got the DingDong"--A missing gong on the morn of April fools.
 "Let Me Go Lover"--Saying goodnight on a date at 11:29 1/2.
 "Follow Me"--Gated girls taken out by a staff member.
 "Little Things Mean A Lot"--Penniless girls collecting pennies.
 "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp"--the breakfast line.
 "I Spoke Too Soon"--Barbara Johnston saying she's an early riser in Ryerson West.
 "I'm Walking Behind You"--Staff members on Sunday afternoon walks.
 "Tell Me A Story"--Mrs. Doering as she listens to excuses.
 "Changing Partners"--Couples left with blind dates.
 "This Ole House"--Three guesses, first two don't count.
 "Make Yourself Comfortable"--Thoughts as we enter study hall.
 "How Important Can It Be"--Girls begging for week-end leaves.
 "Stranger in Paridise"--Boys waiting for dates in the main hall.
 "When The Saints Come Marching In"--Five-day students returning on Monday evening.

Marv: You know, I'm really getting Lois trained.

Bill: Oh, do tell!

Marv: Well, last night, we had a good hearty disagreement and before it was over, I had her on her hands and knees.

Bill: Apologizing eh?

Marv: Heavens, no! I was under the car, and she was down on her hands and knees yelling, "Come out of there, you coward--you know who the master is!".

The Perfect Alma Girl

Hair-----	Julie Marray	Figure-----	Marnie Daly
Eyebrows-----	Sue Merrill	Legs-----	Kay Okuhara
Eyes-----	Sharon Kunow	Clothes-----	Betty-Lou Hobley
Complexion-----	Ann Hanselman	Marks-----	Donna Tier
Nose-----	Beverley Feick	Humour-----	Terry Linn
Teeth-----	Mary Ann MacVicar		

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INTER-HOUSE SPORTS

Game	Winner	Runner-up
Volleyball	Ivory	Dobson
Softball	Ryerson West	Upper Mac
Swimming*	Warner	Ryerson West
Basketball	Warner	Ryerson West
Track and Field	Warner	Dobson

* Mary Ellen Anthony, Dobson House's one man team, actually had the most points, but because of default, Warner came first.

INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS

Game	Winner	Runner-up
Swimming Meet	Aylmer	Alma
Volleyball	Western	Alma
Volleyball	Alma	Waterloo
Softball	Western	Alma
Junior Basketball	St. Joseph's	Alma
Junior Basketball	Alma	St. Thomas Clgt.
Senior Basketball	Alma	St. Thomas Nurses
Senior Basketball	Alma	Ont. Hosp. Nurses
Senior Basketball	Western	Alma
Senior Basketball	Waterloo	Alma
Senior Basketball	Alma	St. Joseph's
Senior Basketball	St. Joseph's	Alma
Senior Basketball	Alma	Metropolitan Ch.
Senior Basketball	Metropolitan Ch.	Alma



ARCHERY

Alma's four cupids are Carole Ann Powell (Ryerson West), Helen Linn (Ryerson West), (front row); and Evelyn Stock (Ryerson West), and Betty Ann Fox (Warner) (back row). At our Field Day Tournament, Carole Powell placed first and Helen Linn, second. These four girls represented Alma at the Inter-Western Archery Tournament.

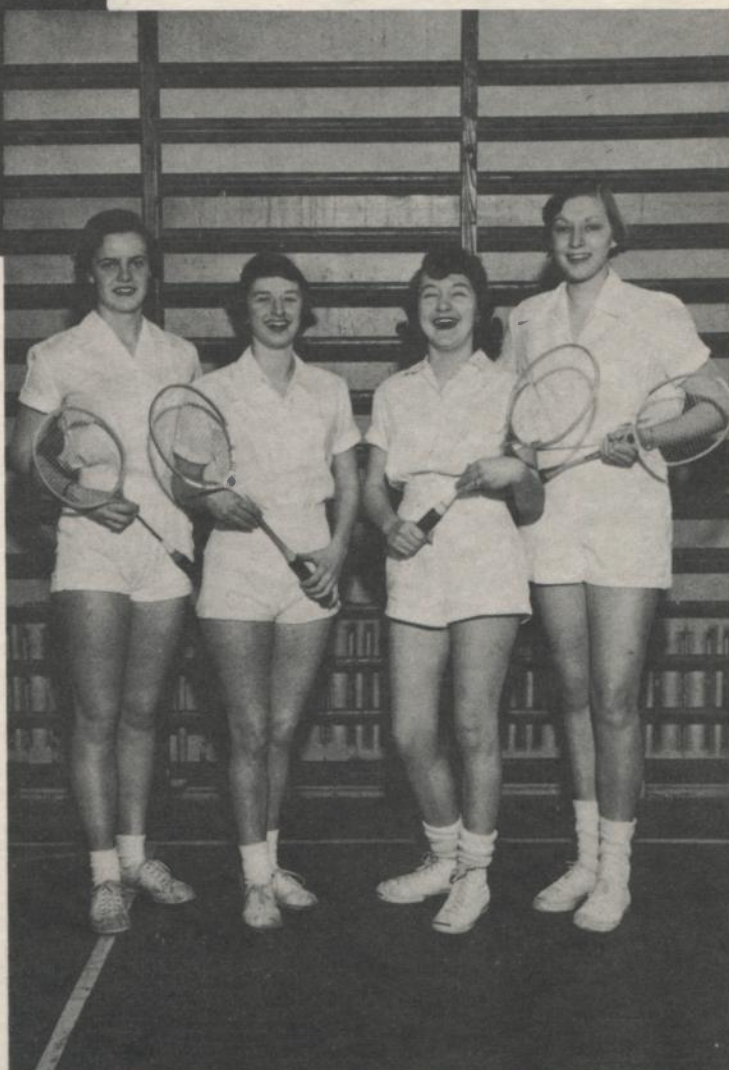
BADMINTON

"Singles Champion" Judy Bowman.....

"Doubles Champion" Mary Ellen Anthony

At right, Sandra Irvine, Janet White, Judy Bowman, and Mary Ellen Anthony made up the Alma Badminton Team to compete at the Inter-Western Badminton Meet. During the afternoon Western held first place, Alma second, and Waterloo third.

Officiating at the Tournament were referee and scorer, Jean Sutherland and Sandra Irvine. The timekeepers were Grete Schroeder and Betty Cunningham.



TENNIS

"Come on girls, who's for a game of tennis? Let's venture out and practice our serving and back hands."

Remember these words? Don't they bring back memories of the fun we had playing this popular game on our spacious courts at Alma?

Our team (front) Corinne Carbert and Sheila Marr, (back) Sue Merrall and Marita von Olderhausen did quite well in the Inter-Western Track and Field Meet, considering the stiff competition they encounterd.

On the home front Corinne Carbert was presented with the Alma Cup as winner of the "singles".

Our sincere thanks goes to our popular coach, Miss Mooney for her help and interest in us all.



THE TRACK AND FIELD MEET

Although the sun was shining there was a stiff breeze blowing. But in spite of the weather, everyone joyfully participated in the annual field day, supervised by Miss Mooney.

During the Athletic Supper, Mrs. Sifton presented the following cups:

Junior Championship	Barbara Reid
Intermediate Championship	Anne Harris Donna Tier
Senior Championship	Frances Peets
Field Day House Cup	Warner

In chilly October the Inter-Western Field Meet was held. Three cheers to our hard working track team—(front to back) June Clark, Janet White, Elaine Weese, Sheila Marr, Frances Peets (captain) Grete Schroeder, and Beverley Feick.





ALMA LIFE GUARDS

LEFT TO RIGHT: 1st ROW:— Diane Bridger, Pamela Sutherland, Sheila Marr, Sandra Owens, Elizabeth Whaley, Ann Hanselman, Betty Lodge.
2nd ROW:— Janet White, Lois Foster, Janet Burgess, Mary Ellen Anthony, Ann Shoemaker, Carole Ann Powell.

ALMA SWIM TEAM

LEFT TO RIGHT:— Mary Ellen Anthony, Beverley Searle, Janet Burgess, Ann Shoemaker, Sheila Owens, Anne Reid, Lynn Humphrey, Marilyn Tracy, Dorothy Patterson, Judy van der Kaay, Joan Philp, Janet White, Jocelyn Babe.





ALMA VOLLEYBALL TEAM

LEFT TO RIGHT:— Marilyn Blair, Olga Kohler (captain) Corinne Carbert, Beverley Feick, Frances Peets, Dorothy Patterson, Marilyn McMeeken, Molly Carbert, Margaret Sexton, Barbara Carbert, Sharon Kunow, Ginger Robbins, Joni Page.

ALMA SOFTBALL TEAM

LEFT TO RIGHT: 1st ROW:— Marilyn McMeeken, Norma MacDonald, Elaine Weese (captain), Molly Carbert, Lois Foster, Janet White.
2nd ROW:— Carol Boomer, Helen Wall, Pauline Upshall, Sandra Irvine, Mary Ann MacVicar.





LEFT TO RIGHT:— Carol Ann Powell, Lois Foster, Helen Linn, Barbara Carbert, Marlene Clark, Marlene Root, Sandra Irvine.

ALMA BASKETBALL TEAMS

LEFT TO RIGHT:— Elaine Weese, Frances Peets, Barbara Johnston, Mary Ellen Anthony, Corinne Carbert, (captain), Molly Carbert, Marilyn McMeeken, June Clarke.



... HUMOUR ...

The Perfect Alma Teacher

Hair-----	Miss Harper	Figure-----	Mrs Doering
Eyebrows-----	Miss Harper	Clothes-----	Miss Holman
Eyes-----	Miss Brien	Humour-----	Mrs. Coulter
Complexion-----	Dr. Hunter	Vitality-----	Mrs. Sifton
Nose-----	Miss Williams	Hands-----	Mrs. Coulter
Mouth-----	Miss Cutler	Understanding-----	Mrs. Douglas

CAN YOU IMAGINE

Pam Sutherland in bed at 9:50	Each senior having her own key
Yolanda with eyelashes	No leave book
Joni Page on a diet	Alma College a mixed school
No rules at Alma	Jean Sutherland not laughing
Each room with a telephone	Lois Foster dating other boys
No morning walks	Peggy Sexton, early or on time for classes
Mrs. Sifton driving a red convertible	Janet White playing the drums in a fur coat
Leaves for the Stork Club on Saturday nights	

Cowboy: "What kind of saddle do you want for riding?"
Sharon: "What kinds are there?"
Cowboy: "Well, there's an English and a Western saddle".
Sharon: "What's the difference?"
Cowboy: "Well, the Western has a horn and the English hasn't".
Sharon: "Oh, well you better give me the Western one, I'll need the horn in heavy traffic!"

Carol Boomer writes her non-writing boy friend at Christmas, "I got tired of asking Santa Claus to bring me a letter, so I asked Mr. Sandman and he brought me a D-R-E-A-M!!!"

Hey Grandma--put down that juke box, you're too old to carry a tune!!!

Peg Jackson: "Are you sure you marked my paper right. I don't think I deserve an absolute zero?"
Miss Brien: "Neither do I, but it's the lowest mark I'm allowed to give."

Harry: "Did you take the car out last night, Elmer?"
Elmer: "Yes, I took some of the boys for a ride!!!"
Harry: "Well, tell the boys I found one of their little lace hankies in the front seat!!!"

Mrs. Sifton was driving along a country road when she noticed several linemen climbing telephone poles. "Silly men", she remarked to Mrs. Doering, "They must think I've never driven before."

Gabby: "I found out our Sunday School teacher doesn't take baths."
Mrs Doering: "What do you mean?"
Gabby: "She said she never did anything in private that she wouldn't do in public."

Confusion in Room 17:
Molly rushing in the room: "Have you seen sister Barb lately?"
Corinne: "Yes, she looked just like an accident going somewhere to happen!!!"

Mrs. Douglas in English class: Can anyone give me the definition of a "vacuum".
Barbara Ward: The thing my father shoves around the house, whenever my mother tells him to make himself useful.

Two little ants were sitting on top of a cracker box when all of a sudden, one started racing frantically along the edge. The other ant asked why he was running and the reply was "Can't you read that sign on the lid. It says, "To open, tear along the dotted line!!!"

Hey Gramps, get off the stove, you're getting too old to ride the range.



THE NINE HOT CANARIES

Linda Destun, head of the kitchen girls nine,
Is our sweet little May Queen, so divine.

Joan Nishimura is a petite young lass,
Because of her art, she heads the class.

Our cautious miss, Barbara Cawthra by name,
Is likely to climb the ladder of fame!

Anneke Kiers, many friends has made,
She studies very hard to obtain her grade.

Kay Okuhara is on hand when we dine,
Yet tops the class in the commercial line.

Betty Anne Thurston, with her cheerful "hi",
Is a pleasure to greet as she makes dishes fly.

Irene Nicholson with her troubles galore,
Is always very willing to do any chore.

If I ever needed you, I need you now:
That's Shizu Matsumoto's theme song; and how!

Pictures, pictures, pictures, she sure has it bad,
'Cause in Betty Aihoshi's room, I see nothing but
Alan Ladd.

Top to Bottom: (Left) Irene Nicholson, Joan Nishimura, Kay Okuhara, Betty Aihoshi.

Centre:— Linda Destun.

Top to Bottom: (Right) Anneke Kiers, Betty Anne Thurston, Shizu Matsumoto, Barbara Cawthra.





LEFT TO RIGHT: 1st ROW:— Jocelyn Babe, Carolynne Humphrey, Barbara Reid, Ardis Harris, Nancy Leach.

2nd ROW:— June Clarke, Patricia Gauthier, Margaret Houston, Joan Philp, Elaine Weese, Donna-Rae Prong, Barbara Carbert, Donna Tier, Gabriela Jelinek.

3rd ROW:— Frances Peets, Betty Ann Fox, Daphne Agnew, Marnie Daly, Patricia Pogson, Josephine Smith, Sheila Owens, Hiroko Tokuda, Yolanda Carswell, Susan Goodwin, Karen Butler, Ann-Louise Stevens.

WARNER

Nancy Leach	She's quiet—but "dear" knows.
June Clarke	She's got what it takes (?)
Betty Ann Fox	Wow !! Was she cute in her duster!
Donna-Rae Prong	"I just can't keep up to my room-mate."
Barbara Carbert	She's here, there, and everywhere!
Yolanda Carswell	"Norway, her I come." (We wonder why.)
Marnie Daly	It bubbles!
Susan O'Hara	That lean and hungry look ? ! !
Patricia Pogson	The domestic ? ? type.
Josephine Smith	"Singing In The Rain" (the shower).
Elaine Weese	This one bounces.
Donna Tier	Neat and sweet meat ! !
Joan Philp	Splash ? !
Hiroko Tukudo	Always more than willing to help.
Sheila Owens	One of the girls with her finger in the soup.
Daphne Agnew	Cute and cuddly.
Ann-Louise Stevens	Doctor in the house!
Karen Butler	"Duck! Her comes Doc Hunter!"
Gabriela Jelinek	Conversationalist.
"Peachy" Reid	Sorta sporty!
Marg Houston	Oh! those eyes!
Pat Gauthier	"I'm never comin' back!"
Ardis Harris	"Hi, Handsome."
Lynne Humphrey	"Let's go to the infirmary and see Miss Gill."
Jocelyn Babe	"Come on, sneak out to the cookie box, just once more."



LEFT TO RIGHT: 1st ROW:— Judy Neale, Sandra Owens, Sandra Irvine, Marvel Miller, Janet White.

2nd ROW:— Pamela Sutherland, Margarita Casanas, Barbara G. Brown, Edith Braun, Helen Linn, Barbara Johnston, Joan Barendregt, Donna Durham, Marvis Maidens.

3rd ROW:— Carole Ann Powell, Mary Ann MacVicar, Dorothy Patterson, Sharon Kunow, Marilyn Blair, Sue Merrall, Daphne Sinclair, Pauline Upshall, Evelyn Stock, Virginia Hill, Maritza Higuero.

RYERSON WEST

Come with me to Ryerson West,
 And I'll give you some scenes from the house that ranks best.
 To begin with, at the very end of the hall
 Is Edith, our South American doll.
 Rooming with her is the brown-eyed Joan.
 And next door to them, feeling at home,
 Is our red-headed Carole and room-mate "Polly".
 From Mexico way comes Virginia Hill,
 And Evelyn Stock is with us still.
 Now over the other side of the hall
 Are Barb, Pam and Marilyn, who are right on the ball
 And then our Nikki from the Northern wilds,
 And her room-mate Barb Johnston with her comical style!
 But wait there's another one left in that room,
 It's the Puslinch kid! Know who I mean?
 The diver of our house is Janet White
 With her room-mates, Sharon and Donna
 Who are ne'er out of sight!
 Then there is bright-eyed Marvel and our house captain Sue
 Sandy Irvine is next with the morning walk cue.
 A shout of joy and we know what's up,
 Mary Ann just got a letter from Chuck!!
 But off in an alley all their own
 Are the very last six in our mischievous home.
 There's Margarita, Maritza, Judy and Daph,
 Those four are always making us laugh.
 Last but not least in room 54
 Is Marvis Maidens with her piano lore.
 But there's one forgotten! Who could it be?
 Why, it's pony-tailed Sandy!
 Gee—that's me!!

Sandra Owens.



LEFT TO RIGHT: 1st ROW:— Ann Shoemaker, Marlene Root, Barbara Ward, Lorna Hartley, Ana Olyslager, Doris Patterson, Jeanette Hane, Ruth Mishaan.

2nd ROW:— Jean Sutherland, Carol Boomer, Norma MacDonald, Margaret Leith, Helen Wall, Mary K. Shepherd, Victoria Bonitto, Peggy Jackson.

PRIDE OF RYERSON EAST

Ruth Mishaan	Hair
Norma MacDonald	Eyes
Lorna Hartley	Voice
Doris Patterson	Generosity
Ana Olyslager	Legs
Peggy Jackson	Ears
Helen Wall	Nose
Victoria Bonitto	Smile
Marlene Root	Dimples
Jeanette Hane	Eye Lashes
Margaret Leith	Manners
Mary K. Shepherd	Neatness
Carol Boomer	Sewing Ability
Barbara Ward	Curiosity
Ann Shoemaker	Swimming Ability
Jean Sutherland	Conversation Ability



LEFT TO RIGHT: 1st ROW:— Elinor Wilson, Shirley Scarrow, Katherine Stone, Donna Lawrence, Rose Marie Hill.

2nd ROW:— Betty Lou Hobley, Anne Harris, Nancy Mitson, Carolyn Dryden, Barbara Baxter, Marilyn Tracy, Anne Reid, Judy van der Kaay.

3rd ROW:— Ursula Braun, Betty Cunningham, Grete Schroeder, Sonia Glottman, Susan Goodwin, Jane Francis, Barbara Stone, Lynda Walker, Margaret Stevenson.

LOWER MAC

Lower Mac's the best in the school,
 We always live by the golden rule,
 With Betty and Gret always in shorts,
 They help Lower Mac in winning some sports!
 Mrs. Lawrence, our House Mother has helped us anew,
 And given her time and energy too!
 Last but not least are the girls not forgotten,
 Like Shirley, and Donna, Marilyn and Sonia,
 Lynn, Carolyn, Carol, Barbara, Susan and Anne.
 These are only a few of the girls in our hall,
 And we'll never forget Lower Mac, Lower Mac,
 No !! We'll never forget Lower Mac !!



LEFT TO RIGHT: 1st ROW:—Julie Ann Murray, Diane Bridger, Janet Burgess, Lois Foster.

2nd ROW:—Beverley Searle, Rosita Grimberg, Betty Lodge, Ingrid Schmidt, Molly Carbert, Helen Pullen, Barbara Jean Brown, Marilyn McMeeken.

3rd ROW:—Elizabeth Whaley, Joan Hodgins, Peggy Sexton, Elizabeth Belyea, Marilew Hahn, Phyllis Ann Smith, Beverley Feick, Dianne Quennell, Mary Lendon.

UPPER MAC

Upper Mac is the bestest hall,
 Because we're always on the ball!!
 Jan jumps at seven and the cow bell clings,
 Lois and Diane when the telephone rings.
 To quiet things down there is Helen!
 Along comes room-mate Bev Searle yellin'
 To Liz and Peg "they're here, they're here"—
 Marilyn and Barb look on, drinking root beer!
 Joan, Lee, and Bev Feick eat and chat (?)
 While Marilew, Phyll, and Dianne Q. knock off fat.
 Then, along comes our dashing Spanish crew.
 There's Rosita, Ingrid, and Betty too.
 Of course, a Carbert (Molly) we can boast,
 And Julie and Mary are thee most!!
 So, now that our days left at Alma are few
 To say, "Our year is almost through,"—
 Three cheers to our house mother so kind and true
 And, also Miss Brien "a fond adieu."

Lois Foster.



LEFT TO RIGHT: 1st ROW:—Bonnie Park, Donna Simms, Janie Nottle, Ann Hanselman, Joni Page, Miriam Tregunno.
2nd ROW:—Ana Loguercio, Sheila Marr, Corinne Carbert, Olga Kohler, Marita von Olderhausen, Patricia Connors, Mary Louise Fritz.

Scene — IVORY

Time — 10:30 P.M.

- Act I: Joni: Has anybody got any laundry soap?
 Bonnie: What do you want that for? It's too late to take a shower.
- Act II: Marita: I want to get up early tomorrow, so wake me up at 7:25, O.K?
 Anita: Oh, you stupid one!
- Act III: Pat: Tregunno, if you don't stop spreading soap suds over my floor, I'll . . .
 Miriam: Oh, but Patty baby, your floor needs washing.
- Act IV: Mary Lou: Who broke my typewriter this time?
 Olga: It wasn't me—I just dropped it on the floor.
- Act V: Sheila: Anne, can you understand this Botany?
 Anne: Zzzz.
- Act VI: Donna: Greetings at cha-
 Corinne: Shut the door—I'm trying to sleep.
- Epilogue— Miss Proudley: Will you girls please keep your voices down. It's after 11:00!



MARLENE CLARK

Though quiet and gentle with little to say,
She is ready to help you in any way.

FAY BENNETT

Kind and happy, bright and neat,
A better friend you'll never meet.

GINGER ROBBINS

Whether studying by day or debating by night,
She's always successful—we think she's alright.

NAN CAVES

She's little but she's wise,
She's a terror for her size.

SONJA BURGESS

Our mischievous Miss with bright eyes so round
In Dobson House can never be found.

JUDY BOWMAN

Fond of beauty, sports and laughter,
Business first and pleasure after.

ANNA GRAHAM

A girl of true and loving heart,
Always willing to do her part.

ROSECLAIRE PITT

To mathematics she was inclined,
There was no equation she couldn't find.

MARY ELLEN ANTHONY

Always willing, always working,
Bright and active, never shirking.

MARILYN MARTIN

Marilyn is true, Marilyn is shy,
Just the friend who will stand by.

CAROL DUMAU

Always dancing—always gay,
Chasing all the gloom away.

DONNA WILSON

She is blond bonny, blithe and gay,
And the very best friend for a rainy day.

We are the girls of Dobson House,
And we are never heard to grouse,
Our nature's always kind and sweet,
To meet us surely is a treat.
There are Donna, Carol and also Fay.
Charming and cheerful in every way.
Our Judy Bowman and sweet Roseclaire
We know are really a worthwhile pair.
Then Marilyn, Anna and little Nan
Are always helping when they can.
Next comes Mary Ellen and Marlene Clarke,
Always looking for a lark.
Last but not least, need we say more.
Is Ginger whom we all adore———
We'd better or things might be worse
For she is the author of this verse.

Ginger Robbins

ALMA DIARY '54 - '55

Sunday, Sept. 5:	Another year! Girls began to arrive by plane, train, and car.
Tuesday, Sept. 7:	There wouldn't be a school without staff! New teachers began to arrive, plus the teachers who were previously on the staff.
Thursday, Sept. 9:	A "Get Acquainted" party in the gymnasium. Excitement! The great new Alma family appeared in jeans for games and mixers.
Friday, Sept. 10:	Classes! Meeting the teachers and muddle thickens!!
Saturday, Sept. 11:	As this was a close week-end, the old girls had a grand party outlined to entertain the new "freshies".
Sunday, Sept. 12:	An informal gathering in the drawing-room with Mrs. Sifton presiding.
Friday, Sept. 17:	"From lowly one to holy one"--We had heard rumours of initiation day and finally it dawned, along with outrageous costumes and war paint.
Saturday, Sept. 25:	The University Extension classes began.
Wednesday, Sept. 29:	Ballet classes commenced with Mr. Errington as instructor.
Saturday, Oct. 2:	After many postponements because of weather, the annual Field Day events were run off. Mrs. Sifton presented the awards during the athletic dinner at night. Warner made its first appearance of the year in the field of Championships with Frances Peets once again senior champion and Barbara Reid, junior champion. The evening show of skits and yells showed Warner again on top with the enacting of "Mary Had A Little Lamb".
Friday, Oct. 8:	Thanksgiving at last! Halls became quiet as most everyone departed for homes of families or friends.
Friday, Oct. 15:	The Student Council for the first term was elected with Sue Merrill as the first president.
Sunday, Oct. 17:	At 4:30 Dr. George Dorey, the newly elected moderator was the guest of the college at a reception in the drawing room. A special Founders' Day Service was conducted in the Chapel at 7:30 with Dr. Dobson as the speaker.
Monday, Oct. 18:	Our Track Team ventured to the Field Day at Western to compete in the activities.
Tuesday, Oct. 19:	The girls in their best dress tried to make a good impression at the "Board Banquet". Our waitresses were excellent caterers, furthering the success of the banquet.
Monday, Oct. 25:	Dr. Wilson MacDonald, famous Canadian poet was guest of the college. He recited several of his selections.
Saturday, Oct. 30:	A Hallowe'en Party was conducted in the gymnasium by the new girls. Skits, stunts, and laughs gave the spirit to this haunted event.
Friday, Nov. 12:	Another free week-end!
Thursday, Dec. 2:	The president of the Student Council, Sue Merrill was moved into the Elgin-St. Thomas General Hospital.
Saturday, Dec. 11:	Excitement was at its peak when the boys arrived to escort their girls to the "Holly Hop" in the gym.
Sunday, Dec. 12:	Each house presented a gift at the "White Gift Service". Also the Junior school put on their Christmas Play.
Wednesday, Dec. 15:	Interest was aroused when senior girls could be seen in the halls in dress of Shakespeare's day. "As You Like It" was very successfully presented this year.
Thursday, Dec. 16:	The very beautiful Candlelighting Service put everyone in the spirit for the forthcoming Christmas holiday. Many girls left for Christmas vacation.
Thursday, Jan. 6:	Back to the old grind after a wonderful holiday!
Tuesday, Jan. 18:	Inspectors visited the high school academic classes.
Wednesday, Jan. 19:	The members of the County Council were guests for dinner.
Thursday, Jan. 20:	This long-awaited day arrived!! Mid-year exams began.
Friday, Jan. 28:	The Student Council of the second term was elected with Josephine Smith as president.
Sunday, Jan. 30:	The graduates from 1951 - 1954 visited the school for tea and evening chapel.
Tuesday, Feb. 1:	The Alma basketball team played at Western.
Friday, Feb. 4:	Another Free weekend was upon us.
Friday, Feb. 18:	The Upper school students travelled to London to see "The Barrett's of Wimpole St." at the Grand Theatre, and being the most outstanding group, had their pictures taken for the London Free Press.
Saturday, Feb. 19:	The Senior Prom, the "Cupid's Capers", after being the talk for several weeks, finally came along, with excitement running high.
Friday, Feb. 25:	Miss Marion Royce visited the college. Miss Royce is the former principal of Moulten College and is now the head of the Department of Labor in the Women's Division in the Canadian Government.
Thursday, Mar. 3:	The Alma basketball team hiked to Waterloo to show their acquired skill.
Friday, Mar. 4:	Alma girls left the ivy-covered walls for another free week-end.
Monday, Mar. 21:	This time the City Council were entertained for dinner.
Wednesday, Mar. 23:	Since all Elgin County was undergoing a vast chest x-ray survey, all Alma girls had a free chest x-ray at the School.
Wednesday, April 16:	The students of the Home Economics Department put on a Fashion Show after which the Junior School entertained parents and friends with "Ah, Sweet Romance." (oh Johnny!!)
Thursday, Apr. 7:	Our second longest holiday, Easter Holidays.
Monday, Apr. 18:	Everyone returned for the last long hard fling of studing, and for the many festive occasions to come.
Saturday, May. 7:	Today the class of '55 were honoured. Activities consisted of the tree planting ceremony, Graduation Banquet and the very wonderful Grad. Dance.
Saturday, May 14:	May Day in all its glory!! Linda Destun made such a sweet little May Queen, with Barbara Brown as the Lord of the May. Marnie Daly and Josephine Smith were two deserving Counsellors.
Sunday, May 15:	There was a very enjoyable recital by Michael Farrow.
Friday, May 20:	The Principal's Tea was held on the back lawn with Mrs. Sifton presiding.
Saturday, May 21:	The Junior School had their recital.
Tuesday, May 24:	Final Exams!!
Saturday, May 28:	The Intermediate Recital.
Saturday, June 4:	A beautiful Art Exhibit and tea. At 8 P.M. the June play was presented, "Robin Hood and Babes in the woods."
Sunday, June 5:	A day we will never forget! The beautiful Baccalaureate service at the Central United Church.
Monday, June 6:	Alumnae Day. The grads looked stunning in their red blazers and white skirts.
Tuesday, June 7:	Commencement. Our wonderful year at Alma has ended and the time has come to part with all our friends. The halls were quiet when the excitement died down which provided a perfect setting for the Upper school students to study and finally write their exams.

